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HUNGARY

Budapest Not Concerned About Mindszenty Visit to US

Hungarian deputy foreign minister Nagy recently professed the "hope" to Ambassador Pedersen that Cardinal Mindszenty's forthcoming visit to the US--which includes a one-day stop in Washington--would not cause problems for "improving US-Hungarian relations." Nagy seemed unconcerned at the prospect of some anti-regime statements by Mindszenty, and was concerned only about the type of official contacts Mindszenty would have in Washington. It is the Embassy's impression that the Washington visit will be a private affair. 25X1

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Opposition Yet

The political machine in Czechoslovakia is still well-oiled. Jan Baryl, a central committee secretary, won a landslide victory in a by-election for the federal assembly on March 30. In electoral ward No. 57 in South Moravia, 99.73 percent of the registered voters participated, and 99.9 percent voted for Baryl, the National Front candidate. No other candidate was mentioned. 25X1

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